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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PLAB, ILO

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CROWN PRINCE

AMMAN 4429

1. DEPT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO GOJ OFFERS OF  
ASSISTANCE ON ILO ISSUE.

2. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN YOUR RESPONSE:

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US NOW IN PROCESS OF MAKING DECISION REGARDING CONTINUED  
MEMBERSHIP. MAJOR FACTOR IS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT IN JUNE  
1977 ILO CONFERENCE. WHILE EVENTS THERE ARE NOT READILY  
SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE REMEDY (SINCE JUNE 1978 CONFERENCE IS  
NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR MAJOR DECISIONS) SOME ACTIONS BY ILO  
MEMBERS NOW WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ACHIEVING REFORMS:

A) THEY COULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH COMMITTTED GOVERNMENTS AT THE JUNE 1978 CONFERENCE TO AVOID REPETITION OF THE UNFORTUNATE JUNE 1977 CONFERENCE'S REJECTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH MANY FELT STRUCK AT THE HEART OF THE ILO'S WORK IN MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED CONVENTIONS.

B) ANOTHER STEP WOULD BE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE THAT COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS PERTAINING TO VIOLATIONS OF ILO CONVENTIONS. ONE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO SEND TO THE ILO COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ANY DATA ON VIOLATIONS OF CONVENTIONS WHICH TROUBLES A PARTICULAR MEMBER STATE. SUCH ACTION WOULD IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF THESE ESTABLISHED MECHANISMS FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

C) THEY COULD EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT IN THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE, WHOSE MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5. SUPPORT FOR AN APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT COULD BE MADE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD THROUGH PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND DEMARCHES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A SHOPPING LIST WHICH IT IS ASKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHERS TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER THAT WE MAY REMAIN IN THE ILO. WE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT ABOUT FUTURE MEMBERSHIP. BUT WE ARE INTERESTED IN EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE ORGANIZATION BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DC'S) BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT MAJOR ISSUE IN ILO IS CHANGING ITS STRUCTURE (ESPECIALLY IN GOVERNING BODY) TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO DC'S INTERESTS AND NEEDS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH GOJ WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ON STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND WE WILL CONSIDER THEM CAREFULLY.

5. FYI: AFL-CIO AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE STRONGLY OPPOSED PROPOSALS WHICH INVOLVED EITHER ABOLISHING TEN PERMANENT SEATS OF GB OR ESTABLISHING FORMAL GEOGRAPHIC CRITERIA FOR SELECTING GB GOVERNMENT MEMBERS. END FYI

6. SECRETARY VANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN BRIEFING PAPER COVERING FOREGOING POINTS AND MAY RAISE ISSUE DURING HIS TALKS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. CHRISTOPHER

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